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1. FURTHER TO REFTELS, FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MOBERLY TOLD CHARGE MAY 26 THAT ISSUE OF US CONCERN ABOUT FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS PUBLIC STATEMENT ON ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY HAD BEEN ADDRESSED IN THE COURSE OF BRIEFING DAVID OWEN AND MICHAEL PALLISER ON MAY 26 ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE NATO SUMMIT. UPSHOT, WHICH MOBERLY SAID HE WAS ASKED TO CONVEY TO US, WAS OWEN'S DECISION THAT HE WOULD PLAN TO BE HELPFUL IF THE ISSUE WERE RAISED AT THE QUADRIpartite FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON MAY 29. MEANWHILE, UKNATO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO (A) SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF SPC DRAFTING, AND (B) MAKE CLEAR THAT THE UK FAVORS A FORMAL PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY.

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2. WHILE FLEXIBILITY SHOWN BY SOUTOU MAY OBVIATE NEED (PARIS 16796), IF THE SECRETARY PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE AT THE QUADRIpartite DINNER, WE SUGGEST THAT HIS INTENTION BE CONFIRMED TO OWEN IN ADVANCE SO THAT OWEN IS SET TO WEIGH-IN.

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